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Alcona County celebrates 45th annual fair next week

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Like Christmas, fair time only comes once a year in

Alcona County. Those who eagerly await this annual series of events can't wait to partake in fair food, hear the sounds of laughter abounding as friends and neighbors come together and see the happy exhilaration of children smiling

From Tuesday, Aug. 16 through Saturday, Aug. 20 the county will be celebrat-ing the 45th annual Alcona County Fair with lots of familiar events and a few new things tucked in for additional excitement.

This year's fair is dedicated to Jim Pyne, who was known around the community as "Mr. Alcona County Fair" for many years. He served on the fair board and was always dedicated to making each fair great.

Many fairgoers remember seeing Pyne's "green" tractor load weights at the horse pull, making the first run at the tractor pull and helping to keep the track in running condition. Pyne passed away just before fair last year and his genuine charismatic smile and friendly waves are missed.

Doug Travis, fair board

promoting the 75th anniversary of the Mikado Goodfellows, a civic group, that does a lot for the community and have been helping with fair activities for the past several years.

Travis said a few new events have been planned for this year with the addition of a Mud Run Obstacle Course scheduled for Saturday, Pop with a Cop on Wednesday and monster truck rides available every day.

The Mud Run will take place on Saturday, the last day of the fair, and is certain to be a popular new family friendly "get dirty" event with plenty of obstacles and lots of mud. Preregistration is ongoing and on Saturday registration will be from 8 to 9 a.m. and the race will start at 10. See the Facebook page (Alcona-County Fair-MudRun) or alconacountyfair.com for registration details.

Pop with a Cop is presented by WATZ radio and will be held on Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. "It's a time kids can enjoy pop and a healthy snack with an officer from the Michigan State Police and an Alcona County Deputy. It's designed for youth and police to interact and build a

president, said the fair is also relationship," Sheila Phillips, fair treasurer, said. Wednesday is also the day when kids, 17 years and younger, ride free on amusement rides from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monster truck rides, will feature a monster truck from the Alpena Cycle Club. The trucks can accommodate up to 12 riders. Rides will be \$5 and be available during the day beginning at 2 p.m.

The fair will also include many attractions which were popular in the past such as D&R midway amusement rides, Farmer John and his Barnyard Express, God's Most Valuable Puppet Show, Smokey Bear with the U.S. Forest Service, and a science spectacular experience with Michigan State University Extension.

Of course, popular events such as the draft horse pull, truck and tractor pulls, mud drag racing, and the bump and run will also be back.

As always expect to see lots of animals at the fair. The barns will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The 4-H awards ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday and the Alcona Junior Livestock Club annual market sale will follow beginning at 6 p.m.

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Fowl will be a part this year's fair. Due to avian influenza affecting birds last year it was decided by Michigan officials to reduce risk by not allowing birds to mingle at events such as fairs, but the ban was lifted for 2016. Marius Spears, 9, of Harrisville holds Ginger, a seven month old Buff Orpington chicken, he will be showing. Photo by Mary Weber.

Harrisville merchants encourage local shopping with appreciation days

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

in the City of Harrisville and shopping in town during the promoting business, culture

centives such as sidewalk sales, discounts, refresh-Revitalizing the economy ments and other perks by two-day event.

Labadie explained each merchant may do something different, but in-store savings will be throughout Harrisville. As an example, Labadie explained Coming Attractions will have a sidewalk sale and offer ice tea and cookies on both days. As customers come into local businesses on Friday and Saturday they will be given an opportunity to register to win one of many prizes which will be drawn at $\hat{6}$ p.m. on Saturday at the Harrisville Harbor Grocery store. Winners do not have to be present to win but may want to take advantage of the free hot dogs and chips Harrisville Harbor Grocery will be offering just prior to the drawing starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Members of the community and those involved in the aguistion and installation of the Brock Dock I, a handicap accessible walkway at the new bathhouse at the Harrisville State Park, gather for a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday. This walkway allows handicap access across the sand to the water's edge. More than \$10,000 was raised to purchase the accessible walkway (which can be used by everyone) by donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals, a grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division. Those in attendance include (from left) Cheryl Peterson, Alcona County Review; Lincoln Lions representatives Don Larkin and Willy Weber; Eric Ostrander, park supervisor; Barbara Bowerman, Marshall Stevens, Amy Jo Stevens, Warren MacNeill, Judy MacNeill, Harrisville Lions representatives Ernie Andree, Bob Sanderson and Bill Olsen; and Kathleen Dunckel. Plans are underway for another accessible walkway to be installed at the park's public beach next summer. Photo by Mary Weber.

and community is the chief concern of some civic minded business owners.

As part of their interest in bringing more vitality to Harrisville area businesses, the Harrisville Business Association (HBA) has announced its first community-wide Customer Appreciation Days to be held Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13.

"We wanted to do this to promote business during the month of August. Each business will have in-store sales and prizes will be given. All of the merchants are really excited about it," said Judie Labadie, owner of Coming Attractions and committee member of Customer Appreciation Days.

She explained many of the shops in Harrisville will be offering customers extra in-

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Thomas E. Nowak

Thomas Edward Nowak, 69, died on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016 in Harrisville.

He was born on November 18, 1946 to Edward and Stephanie (Sctarski) Nowak in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

Mr. Nowak worked for Chrysler until he retired in 2000. On October 11, 2000 he married Donna Dumo and moved to Harrisville.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and snowmobiling. He belonged to the Ossineke Eagles Club Aerie No. 3762 and was a former member of the Sunrise Moose Lodge No. 2529 in Greenbush.

Mr. Nowak is survived by his wife, Donna; one niece; two brothers-in-law, Mike Dumo and Ralph Dumo; and several cousins.

Services were held on Monday, August 8 at Gillies Funeral Home in Harrisville.

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Over 20 items have already been collected for the drawing including many gift cards/ certificates, gift baskets with wares from local merchants, craft baskets and original art items, according to Labadie.

Labadie explained over 30 businesses have helped to bring Customer Appreciation Days to the community and the HBA hopes to make it an annual event held every second weekend in August or, perhaps, sponsor it twice a year with another customer appreciation day in May.

[•] "We hope it comes off well and everyone likes it. Music will be played on the street and it should be a lot of fun. We have purchased 12 banners which we will spread from north to south on U.S.-23 and M-72. We are advertising on radio, social media, and newspapers from Alpena to Tawas. All involved have been very generous with both advertising (funds) and prize donations."

For more information on Customer Appreciation Days, contact Judy Labadie at Coming Attractions (989) 724-3400. For more information on the HBA, see related story on this page.

a ings, business owners talked
a about the state of the community and challenges involving the revitalization of Harrisville. As a result, a collective decision was made to
c, form the Harrisville Business
c. Association, which has the
mission to encourage and
promote business within the
y Harrisville community and revitalize economic, cultural

By Mary Weber

A vital community typically has successful businesses,

active organizations, and en-

gaged residents and govern-

ment officials and the busi-

ness owners in Harrisville are

working to improve the busi-

ness climate in an effort to

Association (HBA) was formed

in early 2015 and has been

working on ways it can con-

the early winter months of

2015 when business owners

gathered together in a round-

table discussion that encom-

passed several evenings and

developed into an organized group. The gatherings were

spearheaded by Harrisville

residents Paul and Joan

Dwyer, who, like many com-

munity members, were con-

cerned about the loss of busi-

nesses in the Harrisville area.

During the winter gather-

tribute to the community.

The Harrisville Business

The HBA was formed in

improve the community.

Staff Writer

and community development. Co-chairpersons of HBA are Pat Bushey, owner of Alcona Coffee, and Cheryl Peterson, publisher of the Alcona County Review.

Peterson explained business owners in Harrisville, like all business owners, have a vested interest in their community and want to see a vital community.

"We work hard within our businesses every day. We have chosen to be here and are doing our best to earn a living here. We need the rest of the com-munity's support to do that," Peterson said.

She explained if people continue to drive past local stores to shop at big box stores further away from Harrisville, businesses within the community will fail to thrive.

Harrisville Business Association

working to improve business climate

"Yes, maybe some items are a little more expensive or not exactly what you're used to getting at a big box store or somewhere else, but it is local business owners who are involved in the community -they serve on government boards, they make donations to and are involved with civic organizations, they donate to extra curricular school and athletic programs. They help pay for livestock market sales at the fair. You don't see big box stores doing that,"

Harrisville area in addition to what the city and Harrisville Goodfellows does each year.

One of the group's more complex and long-term goal is to work with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to implement a new program called Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC). Communities, such as Boyne City, Mich., have taken advantage of the RRC program and have been very successful increasing business and tourism. This program involves a partnership with

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> ~ Cheryl Peterson Co-chairperson Harrisville Business Association

Peterson said.

She explained not only are the local merchants and businesses contributing with the goods and services they provide, "they are contributing what they can because this is their community and they are an important element. They live here, work here, employ people, and pay taxes here in addition to supporting the community," she said.

Harrisville business owners want to show their appreciation to patrons by sponsoring Customer Appreciation Days on Friday and Saturday.

Through this communitywide event, the HBA is encouraging folks who haven't shopped in Harrisville lately to stop and see what Harrisville merchants have available. "We hope people will take some time to stop and see what's available, take advantage of the great giveaways and meet the business owners and people who work in our community," Peterson said.

Last year, through donations from businesses and local organizations, the HBA purchased and put up fall and Christmas decorations to dress up the downtown the City of Harrisville and needs the support of the entire community to successfully implement.

The HBA is also looking outside the community to attract new interest to the area. The group is working to bring art-related activities to the community and encouraging businesses to take part in the second annual Lake Huron Discovery Tour which will run along the US-23 Heritage Route from Standish, Mich. to Mackinaw City, Mich. from October 7 to October 10.

HBA meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Any business owner or representative of a business in the Harrisville area is welcome to attend. According to Peterson the meetings are organized, but informal with a round-table style which encourages participation in discussions.

The Harrisville Business Association has a Facebook page that is open to public postings. For more information, attend a meeting or contact Bushey or Peterson at their businesses.



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Calendar of Events

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. for children in kindergarten through sixth grade at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. Call (989) 724-5264 for details.

Falconer Jenny Schroeder presents "Raptors of the World" at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Takeout available.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

The losco County Firefighters are bringing 1980's country music superstar Sylvia from Nashville, Tenn. to star in the 2016 Sunrise Side Country Music Show at the Oscoda High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$18 in advance. Call (800) 205-7174 for tickets and information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-5077 for details.

A poetry reading will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Art in the Loft, 109 North Second Avenue in Alpena. Cost is \$10. This event is sponsored by the Susan Lane Foundation. For more information e-mail susanlanefoundation@gmail.com or call (989) 356-4877.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

Historical Day on the grounds of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse north of Harrisville is a family event complete with lighthouse museum exhibits, a Civil War



The South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department will hold their annual meeting at 9 a.m. at the South Shore Community Center, 367 West Mt. Maria Road. Discussion will include fire equipment upgrades, bookkeeping and financial policies, updated by-laws and much more. Information will be made available for those interested in becoming a firefighter, medical first responder or support services. E-mail sshlfiredept@gmail.-com for details.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting free vessel safety checks from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville Harbor marina. You can trailer your boat down to the harbor's parking lot or cruise your boat up to the harbor's dock. Vessel safety checks can be done in or out of the water. Contact the harbormaster at (989) 724-5712 or Dave Pottinger at (520) 668-2611 for more information.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is easy to learn, and firsttimers are always welcome.

There will be a gel printing workshop for adults and teens, instructed by Ellen LaCross, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. There is a \$3 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at

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Get ready to get muddy at the Alcona **County Fair** Mud Run

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Space is limited! Call (989) 724-5272 to reserve your seat. Light refreshments will be served. www.alconaconservation.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Community Walking Club for everyone, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

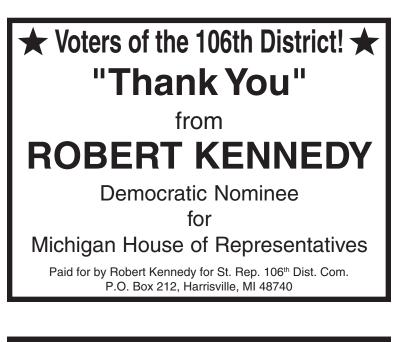
Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call

encampment, children's activities, chainsaw carving, bake sale and the opportunity to climb the tower from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other events include tours of the museum at Bailey School and a demonstration by the Alcona Fire Department. Contact Linda Klemens at (989) 727-4703 for more information.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting free vessel safety checks from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor marina. You can trailer your boat down to the harbor's parking lot or cruise your boat up to the harbor's dock. Vessel safety checks can be done in or out of the water. Contact the harbormaster at (989) 724-5712 or Dave Pottinger at (520) 668-2611 for more information.

Welcome to Harrisville Business Assoc. **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS August 12-13** In-store savings throughout Harrisville **REGISTER TO WIN PRIZES** HARRISVILLE HARBOR GROCERY Will be providing Food & Beverages Saturday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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Historical Day

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit Sturgeon Point Lighthouse on Saturday, Aug. 13 for Historical Day from 11 am. to 4 p.m. This family-oriented event will include lighthouse museum exhibits, the tower will be open for anyone interested in climbing, there will be a Civil War encampment, chain saw carving by Jack Ballor, demonstrations by Alcona Fire Department children's activities and Bailey School, a one-room school, will be open for visits as well. There will be a food booth by the Chosen Ranch and bake sale goodies by the Alcona Historical Society.

Free Vessel Safety Check

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting free vessel safety checks on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville Harbor marina. Boat owners can trailer their boat to the harbor's parking lot or they can cruise their boat up to the harbor's dock - vessel safety checks can be done in or out of the water.

"It is a little late in the season, but it's very important to have boats checked. Folks can get ahead of the game for next season by stopping by the harbor this weekend," said Jim Ferguson, Harrisville Harbormaster. "You can't stress safety enough when out on the water. I hope to make this an annual event a little earlier in the season."

For questions or more information contact Ferguson at the harbor office by calling 724-5242 or call Dave Pottinger, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at 520-668-2611.

Ride the Monster Truck at the Alcona C ounty Fair

Mud Run Obstacle Course

There is still time to sign up for the Alcona County Fair Mud Run which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20 starting at 10 a.m.

Preregistration is ongoing until the morning of the event. Getting muddy and having fun is guaranteed by event organizers Nate Leeseberg, Aaron Healy and John Hartley. This is a family oriented event with categories for individual male and female, teams and families. Challenges have been flying all over the county, so don't miss out on the fun of this first-time event at the fair.

For more information, see the Facebook page Alcona-County Fair-MudRun or the fair's webpage: alconacountyfair.com. For questions e-mail: alconafairmudrun@gmail.com.

Peace Pole Placed

Harrisville United Methodist Church placed a Peace Pole on August 3. The Rev. David Kim blessed the pole, which stands in the frame of the bell tower. It was designed by Robin Sedgwick, a local artist, and incorporates vibrant colors with Christian symbols and words of reconciliation peace. The Peace Pole can be seen from US-23 and was placed as a sign of the prince of peace who truly wants peace for the world. After the pole was planted a luncheon was served and the congregation got to spend time with Rev. Kim, who is the new district superintendent.



The Peace Pole before it was installed in the bell tower.

County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Available this week: Cauliflower, Napa cabbage, beets, broccoli, spinach, onions, regular and fingerling potatoes, beans, sweet and hot peppers, sorrel, zucchini and summer squash, carrots, kohlrabi, tomatoes, garlic, cucumbers, head and leaf lettuces, arugula, Swiss chard, kale, micro greens, all cuts of grass-fed and grainfed beef, snack sticks, brats, chicken, quail and duck eggs, fresh chickens, honey and honeycombs, maple syrup, jams and jellies, cookies, quick breads, flavored vinegars, popcorn, dried herbs, cut flowers, perennials, homemade laundry detergent, and more.

There will not be a market next week as the Alcona County Fair will be underway. The next farm market will be Saturday, Aug. 27. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

 Monday, Aug. 15—Brat on a bun with peppers and onions, potato salad, baked beans and a banana.

• Tuesday, Aug. 16-Beef taco salad, baby carrots and dip, and mandarin oranges.

 Wednesday, Aug. 17— Lemon pepper chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.

• Thursday, Aug. 18—Pork tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, and applesauce.

• Friday, Aug. 19—Sweet and sour chicken over brown rice, three bean salad, and pears. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Adult Summer Reading

The adult summer reading program at the Alcona County Library ends on Tuesday. Aug. 16, with the grand prize drawing at 1 p.m. for tickets to the shipwreck tour and restaurant gift certificates. Participants are asked to turn in all book review entry forms before that time. Interested adults are invited to the Alcona Book Club for a salad and dessert luncheon and a discussion of "Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson at noon.





Scholarship Golf Tourney

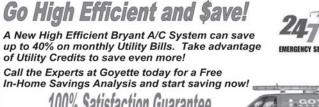
The 29th annual Masonic Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 20 at Springport Hills Golf Course. Cost is \$65 per person and includes 18 holes with cart, pop and hot dogs on the course and a steak dinner at the Mikado Civic Center pavilion afterwards. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. For more information, call the golf course at (989) 724-5611.

ARA Farm Market

Fresh vegetables, cottage foods, and locally produced items are available at the ARA Farm Market in the Campbell Building on the Alcona Children's Craft at the Fair

Kids are invited to participate in a drop-in craft at the Alcona County Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 1 to 2 p.m., sponsored by the Alcona County Library. All materials are provided. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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Raising Funds for Relay

For the 17th consecutive year, Northland Area Federal Credit Union employees have shown cancer what they're made of by participating in cancer walks, candlelight vigils, and actively fundraising for Relay for Life. This Relay season, staff members joined forces to form three area teams throughout northern Michigan. Together, Northland's Loan Rangers, Pink Warriors and the boxing-themed Northland Knockouts have raised over \$16,000 to benefit cancer research.

"I have never met such a dedicated group of people. This cause is a very personal one to me and my family, and to watch our staff volunteer hundreds of hours, walk countless miles, and put forth that kind of caring effort -- it just blows me away. I am so grateful for all that they do," said Mike Palumbo, board chairman.

Donations originated from the generosity of the credit union's membership, the general public and staff members themselves. Minifundraisers were organized by staff, who put their own creative spin on each event. Funds were raised from a

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Karen Harety (center), a representative of My Brother's Hope, presents backpacks filled with personal items to Sgt. Keith Myers (left) and Undersheriff Matthew Perkins for the Alcona County Sheriff's Department to give to homeless individuals they may encounter. The donation included five backpacks which were given at the appreciation luncheon held for first responders at the Barton City Eagles Aerie. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.



The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in July by the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

• Joseph Richard Baker II, 26, of Hale was sentenced to five days in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,276.01 for use of a controlled substance.

• Dale Alan Dykes II, 37, of Oscoda was sentenced to fines nd costs of \$835 for assault or assault and battery



host of different activities, including popcorn and bake sales, cook-offs, pie-eating contests, recycling projects,



• Andrew Phillip Warren, 20, of Mikado was sentenced to six months of probation and fines, costs and victim restitution of \$5.911.13 for assault or assault and battery.

• Joshua Lee Codling, 34, of Lincoln was sentenced to seven days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$2,040 for operating while intoxicated.

 Jonathon Dean Robertson, 43, of Oscoda was sentenced to fines and costs of \$33 for attempted transporting of medical marijuana in a vehicle.

• Erica Marie Lozier, 25, of Harrisville was sentenced to two days in jail and fines and costs of \$403 for no operator's license - never applied.





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The Fairview High School Class of 1946 held its 70th reunion at Comins Hotel recently. Five members of the class (one classmate was unable to attend) out of 21 graduates were able to attend the reunion. (Front) Maryellen (Nolan) Bohringer, (back row, from left) Jean (LaForge) DeJarlais, Merlin Shantz, Lorraine (Startz) Arnold, and Elsie (Bugg) Bixel enjoyed visiting with each other. Martha (Bugg) Mahalak was unable to attend. *Courtesy photo.*

Free ORV weekend August 20-21

Off-road enthusiasts have an opportunity to enjoy riding trails for free on Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) during that weekend, Michigan residents and nonresidents can legally ride DNR-designated routes and trails without purchasing an ORV license or trail permit.

This is an opportunity to explore trails in the upper and lower peninsulas with the kids before they head back to school.

According to Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division, this is the second of two Free ORV weekends of the year. He said it is an excellent time for ORV





An ORV rider explores the trails in Atlanta, Mich., near Clear Lake State Park. The upcoming Free ORV Weekend offers riders the chance to explore Michigan's statedesignated routes and trails, no permit needed. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR*.

enthusiasts to ride Michigan's expansive ORV trail system and find value in purchasing an ORV license and trail permit for the remainder of the year.

Olson explained, the fees collected from trail riders are directly reinvested back into the ORV system, including trail expansion, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, law enforcement and offsetting damage created by illegal use.

Michigan's public ORV trail system covers 3,800 miles of trails and routes throughout the state. Free ORV Weekend also includes the use of the state's five scramble areas, including St. Helen's Motorsport Area, Black Lake Scramble Area, Silver Lake State Park, Bull Gap and The Mounds. ORV-related information is available at www.michigan.gov/orvinfo. During Free ORV Weekends, all ORV rules and laws still apply. Riders should remember that:

• Operators younger than 16 must have a valid safety training certificate. Michigan will accept ORV/ATV education certifications that are issued by other states and provinces.

• Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Dept. of Transportation-approved crash helmet and protective eyewear.

 Riders are encouraged to become familiar with the ORV Handbook of Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Laws, available online, at DNR Customer Service Centers or anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold. 'Our hope is that ORV enthusiasts will explore the ORV trail system by taking a free ride and ultimately purchase an ORV license and trail permit," Olson said. "The revenue generated from the purchase of license and trail permits is reinvested right back into our trails for the use and benefit of resident and visiting riders." For more information, contact Rob Katona at (906) 228-6561 or katonar@michigan.gov or Ron Yesney at (906) 228-6561 or yesneyr@michigan.gov.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to find financial assistance for elderly parents

Dear Savvy Senior,

Where can I go to locate financial assistance programs for seniors? I have been helping support my 70-year-old mother the past couple years and really can't afford to do it any longer.

Feeling Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed.

There are actually a wide variety of financial assistance programs and government benefits that can help seniors in need. But what's available to your mom will depend on her income level and where she lives.

To find out what types of assistance your mom may be eligible for, just go to BenefitsCheckUp.org, a free, confidential Web tool designed for adults 55 and older and their families. It will help you locate federal, state and private benefits programs that can assist with paying for food, medications, utilities, health care, housing and other needs. This site – created by the National Council on Aging - contains more than 2,000 programs

across the country.

To identify benefits, you'll first need to fill out an online questionnaire that asks a series of questions like your mom's date of birth, her ZIP code, expenses, income, assets, veteran status, the medications she takes and a few other factors. It takes about 15 minutes.

Once completed, you'll get a report detailing all the programs and services she may qualify for, along with detailed information on how to apply.

Some programs can be applied for online, some have downloadable application forms that you can print and mail, fax or e-mail in, and some require that you contact the program's administrative office directly (they provide the necessary contact information).

If you don't have Internet access, you can also get help in-person at any of the 47 Benefit Enrollment Centers located throughout the U.S. Call (888) 268-6706 or visit NCOA.org/centerforbenefits/

becs to locate a center in your area. Some centers also offer assistance over the phone.

Depending on your mom's income level and where she lives, here are some benefits that she may be eligible for:

• Food assistance: Programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help pay for groceries. The average monthly SNAP benefit is currently around \$127 per person. Other programs that may be available include the Emergency Food Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

 Healthcare: Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs can help or completely pay for out-of-pocket health care costs. And, there are special Medicaid waiver programs that provide in-home care and assistance.

• Prescription drugs: There are hundreds of programs offered through pharmaceutical companies, government



agencies and charitable organizations that help lower or eliminate prescription drug costs, including the federal Low Income Subsidy known as "Extra Help" that pays premiums, deductibles and prescription copayments for Medicare Part D beneficiaries.

 Utility assistance: There's the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, as well as local utility companies and charitable organizations that provide assistance in lowering home heating and cooling costs.

 Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI provides monthly

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payments to very low-income seniors, age 65 and older, as well as to those who are blind and disabled. SSI pays up to \$733 per month for a single person and up to \$1,100 for couples.

In addition to these programs, there are numerous other benefits they can help you locate such as HUD housing, home weatherization assistance, tax relief, veteran's benefits, senior transportation, respite care, free legal assistance, job training and employment and debt counseling.

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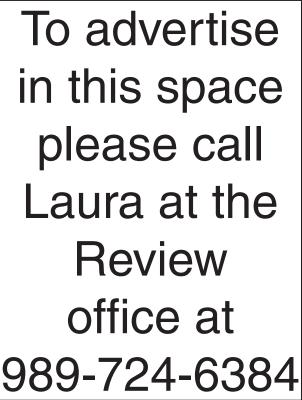
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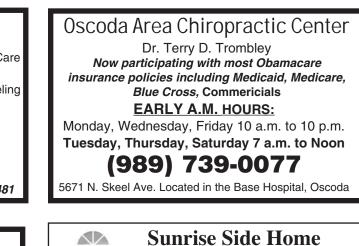
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Calendar of Events



Continued from page 3 the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for August is "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of meets at St. Raphael Catho-

woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information. visit redcrossblood.org or call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

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lic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.

Community Walking Club for everyone, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Frog Day storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. There will be froggy crafts, stories and treats.

Classic movie night at 5:45 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Free popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Call (989) 335-3541 for more information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-5077 for details.

Art on the Porch, come and see how art is created with demonstrations put on by local artists from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held adjacent to the Dragonfly Art Gallery, 116 East Main Street in Harrisville. Call (989) 820-9614 for more information.



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The Sunrise Gardening Club has chosen the gardens of John and Marilyn Kidd at 2375 Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush as the Garden of the Month. Marilyn (above) finds gardening fun and relaxing and she enjoys sharing her garden with others. Garden vierws can drive by and view the Kidd's garden from Cedar Lake Road or from US-23. *Courtesy photo.*

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of August 1-7, 2016

88 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 4 Arrests; 2 Warrants; 1 Assault & Battery; 1 Driving While License Suspended.

	Complaint Stati	stics	
Car Deer	8	Property Damage Accident	5
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	10
Dog/Animal Complaint	5	Traffic	11
Malicious Destr. of Property	2	Alarm	5
Domestic	2	911 Hang Up	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	g 5	Patrol Check	1
Marine	2	Warrant Arrest	2
Civil	1	Neighbor Trouble	1
Be On the Lookout	1	Breaking & Entering	3
Assault & Battery	6	Driving Violations	2
Larceny	1	Fraud	2
Suicidal Subject	1	Suicide	1
Noise Complaint	1	Juvenile	2
Suspicious Events	3	Weapons Offense	1

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There may be hope for ash

By Colleen Otte

Capital News Service Experts used to say the number of ash lost in Michigan was tens of millions.

Now they say hundreds of millions, according to Deborah McCullough, a professor of entomology and forestry in Michigan State University (MSU).

Still, there's hope for the ash's survival.

"In a nutshell, what I found is that ash seems to be holding on quite well," said Dan Kashian, who studies ash tree regeneration.

The mortality varies among species, but now the devastation has become an international epidemic, according to McCullough. While some patches are worse than others, it's hard to find a lot of live ash in Lower Michigan and much of the eastern and central Upper Peninsula.

The culprit is the emerald ash borer, an exotic Asian beetle discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. Adult beetles are metallic green and about ½-inch long. They hitched rides on ship and plane cargo originating from Asia and moving to Detroit.

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"The longest history of the emerald ash borer in North America is right in the greater metro Detroit area," McCullough said. Kashian, an associate professor at Wayne State University, found himself in this prime location for assessing the plight of the ash.

"It's been here longer than it's been anywhere else, so it's a good place to study what it's going to look like, say, in



Traverse City in 15 years or 10 years or something," he said.

The three main species in Michigan are green, white and black ash. They grow in very different places, according to Kashian --black ash in swamps, green ash near rivers and white ash in the uplands. Kashian is studying how the different species respond to the ash borer. So far, his team has set up seed traps and other regeneration trackers in 17 pockets in southeastern Michigan that are almost entirely green ash.

For five years, the study quantified how many seeds fell and how many new seedlings took root. "It looks awful because the big trees are all being killed, and in terms of it ever looking like it did before the emerald ash borer came through, it's probably never going to happen," Kashian said. "But the species does not – at least based on what I've seen – look like it's going to disappear, which is what a lot of people were predicting."

MSU and other leading agricultural research institutions, as well as government and nonprofit institutions, created and support the Emerald Ash Borer Information Network, a multinational effort to share the latest information about the borer as it spreads.

"We will never see emerald ash borer densities at the same level that they were originally, because the carrying capacity of those systems has dropped hugely.

"When the big trees die, you're not churning out nearly as many beetles, so the populations of the ash borer are going to remain lower for the foreseeable future. Whether they will stay low enough to give some of those young trees a chance to mature, we'll have to see," she said.

Kashian said he wouldn't go as far as to say the ash and the borer have reached an equilibrium, "but we seem to be approaching some kind of balance with the bug at this population level and the trees hanging on."

The prevailing story of other studies is that the borer will eliminate ash in Michigan as it spreads. That's because the studies were done in mixed forests where green trees grew into the space, Kashian explained.

In the pure stands of ash that Kashian studied, however, the dying green ash only made way for new ash seedlings. "It's very dependent on how much ash is there," he said. "I think the more ash that's there, the more likely it is to survive. A lot of people think intuitively the opposite – the conventional wisdom is that if it's a pure stand, the bugs will just go crazy and kill everything."

In northern Michigan, big stands of white ash are a concern. Though Kashian's team hasn't studied white ash yet, he suspects a similar phenomenon in which the trees growing in mixed forests won't fare as well as those in pure stands.

While it's still early to tell, Kashian said there's some indication that where parasitic wasps were released to control the ash borers, larger ashes survived and more of them regenerated. It might not be ideal to release a nonnative species, he said, but to maintain nice, big ash trees, it's necessary.

"The most well-funded programs aren't even talking about stopping the emerald ash borer, they're talking about slowing it," Kashian said. "Whether or not it is cheap is kind of a moot point because there's not really any other choice."

McCullough said that it's hard to justify treating the eight-plus billion ash in U.S. forests with insecticides. "It's just not economically or environmentally appropriate," she said. "That means you have to look for other options, and right now we don't have much else other than bio control."

The Emerald Ash Borer Biological Control Production Facility in Brighton, Mich. rears Asian wasps that fight the borer. Facility lab manager Ben Slager said, "We work with the federal entities and the state entities to identify infested sites within each individual state."

The borer has been identified in 27 states, and the lab has three more to distribute wasps to - Georgia, Texas and Nebraska, Slager said. The tiny, wasp-like parasitoids were first released in Michigan in 2007 and have been released in all eight Great Lakes states. "One of the goals for our agency is to get parasitoids into every infested county," he said. "Last year, we put out 1.2 million. The year before that it was 750,000, and we've been steadily increasing through the years." The Bio Control Production Facility releases three species of the wasps and is in the process of introducing a fourth. Its production of the fourth species has been ongoing since last fall, Slager said, but while the facility is doing scheduled releases this season, it's only on a limited basis since it's still getting its rearing methods and procedures down. The benefit of the new species is that it can lay eggs in trees with thicker bark because it has a longer ovipositor.



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Horse pulling tradition continues this year

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Long ago, when horses were still used for daily farm work, farmers would challenge each other to see whose horse team could pull the most weight. Today, horse pulling is an organized sport.

During a horse pull teams of equine athletes meet at scheduled events such as county fairs and festivals to compete for the prize and bragging rights of pulling the most weight.

Draft horse pulling has been a scheduled event at

tenacity.

This is the second year the MHBA will conduct the show and MHBA president, Don Darnell and his wife, Mary Kay, who is the secretary and treasurer of the nonprofit organization, are looking forward to a great competition.

The MHBA puts on about 35 horse pulls each year. According to M.K. Darnell the MHBA is the largest horse pulling association in Michigan in number of pulls and membership, which is about 150.

Each horse pull is called a

Fair Continued from page 1

Many may remember last year poultry was banned from the fair due to an outbreak of avian influenza but the ban has been lifted and this year feathered animals will be back at the fair. Cattle, swine, rabbit, pocket pet, sheep and goat judging will also take place throughout the week. A youth horse show and youth horse speed show will take place on Friday. On Saturday look for the open horse show and wee showmanship for tots.

Midway amusement rides will open at 2 p.m. daily during the fair. On Tuesday D&R Amusements will offer \$6 wristbands to ride all day. Kids bicycles will be given away again this year each day at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost for youth 12 and under to enter the bike drawing, but children must be present to win. One bike will be given away per day except for Wednesday when two winners will be drawn.

Travis said he is looking forward to this year's opening ceremony and flag raising which will be held at the pavilion with some equestrian demonstrations on Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.

The home arts building will be showing the best of Alcona County's talents in needle crafts, culinary arts, agriculture, fine arts, folk art, photography, and antiques. Both the Campbell and Home Arts buildings will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily with the exception of the Home Arts Building being closed on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for judging.

Also on Tuesday the Masons will be back with the child identification program, with assistance from Alcona High School FFA students. The Lincoln Lions will be available with the project Kid Sight from 11 to 4 p.m. The child identification program will be back on Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m.

All new parents should consider entering their child in the cutest baby contest by noon on Tuesday. Travis said he expects to have quite a few entries this year as he feels Alcona County had quite a new baby expansion over the last year. Check the fair office for details.

Free laser tag will be available on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Motocross track. Those interested in participating or spectating can catch the shuttle near the ticket book at the fairground front entrance.

As always bring a healthy appetite to the fair and look for many great things to eat. The Mikado Goodfellows will be serving free cake and ice cream on Tuesday at 6 p.m. after the fire safety program with Smokey Bear.

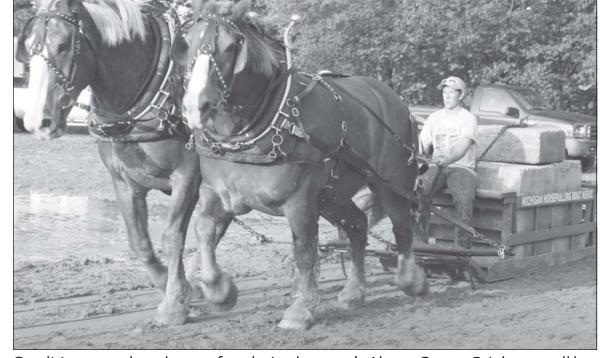
The Alcona County Fair Board steak fry will be at the pavilion on Wednesday at 5 p.m. Ex-officio fair board member, Kevin Boyat, said 245 New York strip steaks have been ordered locally through Harrisville Harbor Grocery this year. Steak fry dinner tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance at the fair office. A kid's meal of hot dog and chips for \$2 is also available during the steak fry dinner.

The FFA Alumni pancake and sausage dinner will be held on Friday at 4 p.m. and a free flapjack eating contest will be held at noon on Saturday.

Free parking is included with admission to the fair. Admission prices remain the same as last year with \$15 per person weekly passes, \$5 per person daily pass with exceptions of Tuesday which is free admission day; Wednesday when seniors only pay \$1 at the gate; and Thursday where everyone in the vehicle gets in \$10 per car load. (Admission prices do not include midway amusement rides.)

The fairground entrance is located on Barlow Road in Lincoln, north of M-72, east of F-41. For additional information on the fair or to volunteer, call Kevin Boyat at (989) 335-0307, Debbie Boyat at (989) 335-0308 or Doug Travis at (989) 736-6169.





Conditions were less than perfect during last year's Alcona County Fair horse pull but despite a lot of mud everything went well as Scott Cook from Gaylord, Mich. drove his team of horses. *Photo by Mary Weber*

the Alcona County Fair for many, many years and the Michigan Horsepulling Boat Association (MHBA) will be back again for the second year to demonstrate raw power, determination and contest and each contest has about nine teams competing. The MHBA supplies 12,000 pounds of weights, a judge, an announcer and a clerk for

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The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will once again provide free amusement rides on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. for kids 17 years and younger.





Science spectacular looks at engineering

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Curious fair goers and puzzle fans of all ages are encouraged to check out the Science Spectacular brought to the fair by Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) on Tuesday, Aug. 16 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the pavilion.

According to Tracy D'Augustino, MSUE educator, the design process of engineering will be the focus of exploration. "There are a number of design processes within engineering and we are going to talk about the key components of them," D'Augustino said.

She explained families and kids will have an opportunity to work together in small groups to build a maze or some sort of threedimensional structure out of PVC pipe.

"They will build something so if we were to put a marble inside it would roll all the way around and through. Depending on age there will be different challenges. It might be just to build something as tall as they are or to build something completely sealed so there is no opening and they will have to pull a cap off to

let the marble roll through. It might be to build a bridge they can walk or crawl under," D'Augustino said.

With the pieces she will bring to the fair there will be a number of different challenges anyone can do. D'Augustino said it was a fun project for all age groups, "Science is for learners of all ages. You are never too young or too old to learn and explore. There is no age limit on exploration."

D'Augustino said she took the same PVC pipe kits to Exploration Days which was held for 4-H teenagers across the state on the main campus of Michigan State University and the older

kids had a lot of fun with it It's a great tool and rather and got quite creative. She expects parents, grandparents, toddlers and everyone in between will have a good time with this experience.

"Puzzles are fun. Dealing with PVC is something a lot of people have never done other than working with it as an adult for plumbing.

inexpensive to build a giant puzzle with" said D'Augustino.

Tuesday is free admission to the fair day and \$5 armband all day for any age on D&R Amusement rides so D'Augustino is prepared to have plenty of folks anxious to tackle this science experience.

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fairs which do not have their own.

Horses are typically Belgian draft horses but a few are Percherons or Clydesdales and each team typically brings a pair of horses. Horse pulling can be an expensive sport with pulling horses averaging about \$10,000 to \$15,000, better pulling horses can be bought for up to \$100,000 according to the Darnells. They said work horses are cheaper and typically sell for \$5,000 to \$6,000.

A light weight pair of draft horses weighs in at about 3,220 pounds, a heavyweight pair weighs in at approximately 5,800 pounds.

The weights they pull are square cement stones which are placed on a sled, called a boat, and then pulled a distance to see which team can pull the most weight. Large stones are 1,000 pounds; small stones are 500 pounds.

As the horse pull progresses, stones are added to the boat. D. Darnell said horses typically pull a top weight of 8,000 to 10,000 pounds. The farthest distance they can go in Michigan pulls is 27 feet six inches.

Teams come from all over Michigan and surrounding states to compete in a horse pull. Last year's winner, Len Hughes, with his horses Davy and Charlie, who pulled 12,500 pounds a distance of 13' 8" was from Nashville, Mich. The most weight the MHBA has had pulled in a contest is 14,000 to 15,000 pounds.

Muddy tracks can be a problem for horses and last year, due to a very heavy downpour, the Alcona County Fair horse arena was not in the best condition, "Everything went well. We had a good crowd and everyone was happy," D. Darnell said.

As with any sport, dangers exist in horse pulling. D. Darnell said teamsters driving the horses can lose fingers and legs, even if the condition of the track is good. He said horses can also get stressed or spooked, but a good teamster doesn't let that happen.

He explained rules for the horse pull are in place to ensure the contest is run in

an orderly manner and are made by the general membership. Many of the rules have been in place since the 1950s, but if someone feels a rule needs to be changed or added its brought up at the general membership meeting, talked about and voted on.

According to D. Darnell, the winning team sometimes gets a trophy along with a cash prize. "In our contests we try to pay each team a cash prize to help with the expenses of bringing the team to contest. We need each team to make a contest, they are each a part of the show we want to put on," D. Darnell said.

The draft horse pulling contest begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17 following the fair board steak fry.





Animal husbandry demonstrated by 4-H groups

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

The annual county fair is a time when many 4-H clubs have a chance to participate in a variety of activities and challenges, which are quite visible to fairgoers.

While the fair isn't the only opportunity to demonstrate their skills, many Alcona County 4-H clubs will be represented at this year's Alcona County Fair.

The 4-H clubs vary in size, age of youth who participate and activities they perform. Their interests also vary and may include horsemanship, being good stewards and helping with the science spectacular, or raising farm animals.

Each club has one or two volunteer adult leaders and a unique name which may or may not highlight who they are or what their interests are such as the Ace Riders, Pick-A-Peck-A-Poultry, Horsin' Around, Dairy Heirs, Bird Brains, Apple Hill Variety and Rolling Hills Variety.

The one thing 4-H club participants have in common is their interest in 4-H and how, no matter what club they belong to, they are interested in each other's well being and want only the best for their fellow peers.

One such group is the Jolly

Rogers 4-H Club, whose name a 14-year-old daughter, doesn't reflect who they are or what they do, but came about because the leader, Judy French and her son, Nelson, like pirate movies.

The group, which has seven members and range in age from eight to 18, raises rabbits and swine for show and market. Their new Tshirts, which were purchased with proceeds from a can drive, display a picture of a rabbit dressed like a pirate.

Jolly Rogers take their fair entries very seriously and work hard to produce the best animals they can, but that's only part of what it means to belong to 4-H in Alcona County.

Cayden Hendrix, a 12year-old member of Jolly Rogers, explained the overall camaraderie of his group and other Alcona County 4-H'ers, "It doesn't matter what happens, we have to all stick together. No matter how good or how bad a person does, we are all in it together. We help each other out."

French explained the Jolly Rogers start meeting in April once a month, then every two weeks and then weekly as fair approaches. The group is assisted by parent, Lyle Clemens, who owns Clemens Pig Farm in Harrisville and has two children in the group,

Cassidy Clemens and Hendrix who is his stepson.

At meetings group members learn how to care for and nutrition for the animal, the anatomy their animals and the most valuable cut of meat, the purpose of the animal pet or plate, common illnesses and what to do for them. French said her youngest member, eight-year-old Emma Schroeder, recently learned how to treat sore hocks on her rabbit.

She explained the importance of having a wide range of ages in the group, "The teen leaders bring their knowledge and experience to meetings to help the younger kids," French said.

Typically, club youth get their pig in early spring and the animals are about six months old and around 250 to 275 pounds by fair time. Which is a lot of bacon to guide around in the show ring for young 4-H'ers. Clemens said he sells the spring pigs to local 4-H youth for around \$100 to \$125.

The pigs eat pig starter which costs a little under \$10 for a 50-pound bag. About a month before the fair pigs are "power chowing," according to Clemens, and three pigs can eat about 200 pounds of food a week.



The Jolly Rogers 4-H Club will be just one of many participating in this year's Alcona County Fair. The group focuses on raising, showing and marketing rabbits and swine. Front row (left to right): Emma Schroeder, Cayden Hendrix, Chloe Bunton and parent Melissa Somers. Back row (left to right): Group leader Judy French, parent Lyle Clemens, parent Christy Appleton, Nelson French and Cheyenne Appleton. Courtesy photo.

Cassidy, Nelson and Hendrix said they don't name their pigs because they don't want to get too attached to them. They explained they are a fun animal to raise and easy to bond with. "You can scratch their back and they react just like a horse. They love it," Clemens said.

They all agreed that pigs are highly intelligent, more intelligent than dogs, "Even though they only have brains the size of a walnut," Hendrix said.

Cassidy explained it may not look like a pig is clean,

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but they are actually very clean animals. They just like mud because they can't sweat so they burrow or cover themselves in mud, water or sawdust to keep cool.

Canes are used to help herd the pigs. Hendrix explained it is required to show their butt, sides and face all while smiling and keeping the pig clean. "When you show a pig, don't ever forget about the brush. When they burrow down and get in the sawdust, you have to brush that off then put your brush back in your pocket and continue on," Hendrix said.

There are dangers involved in showing and marketing both rabbits and pigs. Hendrix said rabbits will bite and scratch and he's suffered both. One year he got a rather severe scratch on his face while showing a large rabbit, but he kept his composure and still placed third. He, and others in the group, said he placed because of his masterful showmanship on keeping cool under pressure.

The group explained how pigs will fight sometimes and their jaw is so strong it can break a 2x4 in half. "The worst thing a handler can do is get in-between fighting pigs," Nelson said. Clemens explained there are usually four spotters in the arena with the pigs. The spotters have large orange boards and youth are taught if their pig gets in a fight to back away and let the spotters board off the pigs.

Hendrix said he got about \$1,100 for his pig last year and hopes to do as well this year. Market pigs generally range from \$2 to \$5 per pound with grand champions going for higher prices above \$6 per pound. Like many of the youth who market animals, the bulk of money earned from market sale gets put away for college, but a little is kept out to purchase next year's animal and feed and care for it as well as some back to school supplies and possibly just a little bit of "fun" money to spend.

Surprisingly, it isn't the prospect of earning money that excites 4-H'ers when it comes to fair time -- they like having fun with their friends, bonding and helping their peers.

The barns will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with 4-H and FFA youth available to answer questions. Show judging of the animals is scheduled throughout fair week, consult the fair program for specific days and times. The Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18

For more information on the Jolly Rogers or to join their group contact Judy French at (989) 335-1601



By Mary Weber Staff Writer

The always popular tradition of the annual tractor and truck pull will continue at the Alcona County Fair, but this year it will have a new vendor putting on the show.



Nelson French and Cassidy Clemens demonstrate their skill guiding their show and market pigs with a cane. Photo by Mary Weber.

The Alpena Cycle Club will bring the event to the Alcona Recreation Area at the fairgrounds on Friday, Aug. 19. The group will also bring a 12 passenger monster truck for rides during the whole week of the fair.

The monster truck is 14 feet wide, weighs 10,000 pounds and has tires 66 inches tall with horse power between 1,100 and 1,200. Keith Wahoski, track boss for the Alpena Cycle Club, said the monster truck is equal to about 10 Dodge Neons.

Monster truck rides will be available at the dirt track every fair day beginning at 2 p.m. Any age -- from toddler to adult -- can ride for a cost of \$5 per ride. The fair will get a percentage of the fee.

"We do that because an average monster truck show is anywhere from \$12,000 to \$20,000 to buy and for smaller venue fairs they are a little leery to jump into that much cost, so instead we bring a monster ride truck which is guaranteed income to them. It's a great way to start a relationship (with the fair)," Wahoski said.

According to Wahoski, ride trucks are where monster trucks go to die and the truck

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ALCONA COUNTY FAIR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND JUDGING

12-8 p.m. Vendor Setup

12-8 p.m. Non-perishable exhibits accepted at Home Arts Bldg. 12-5 p.m. All livestock must be in their stalls/pens by 5 p.m. 6 p.m. Animal inspection 6 p.m. Small Market Animal Weigh-in (Poultry/Rabbit Barn)

7 p.m. Large Market Animal Weigh-in (Joslin Arena)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Free Admission 9 a.m. Entries must be in Home Arts Bldg.

Poultry Judging 10 a.m. Flag Raising & Opening Ceremony (Pavilion) 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Barns Open 10:30 a.m. Home Arts Bldg. Closed for Judging 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Michigan Child ID Program & Lions Project Kids Sight

11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Science Spectacular "All About Engineering" (Pavilion) Noon Pictures must be at fair office for Cutest Baby Contest 1, 3 & 5 p.m. Barnyard Express

1 p.m. Silent Auction Begins (Home Arts Bldg.)

2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway) \$5 armbands-all day 3 p.m. Cattle Judging (Joslin Arena)

5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)

6 p.m. Raffle Drawing (Bandstand)

Fire Safety Program with Smokey Bear followed by Sawdust Pile, and Free Cake and Ice Cream served by Mikado Goodfellows 6:30 p.m. Swine Judging (Joslin Arena) 7 p.m. Epona's Midnight Eclipse Drill Team "Tribute to Disney"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 (\$10 for a Car Load)

10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Barns Open

- Throughout the day God's Most Valuable Puppet Show 1, 3 5 & 7 p.m. Barnyard Express
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shoes) Opens (Midway)
- 5 p.m. 4H Awards Ceremony (Joslin Arena)
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 6 p.m. Mud Drags
- 6 p.m. Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Barns Open 10 a.m. Youth Horse Show (Horse Arena) Noon Ye Olde Farmstead Exhibits Judging (Home Arts)
- 1, 3 & 5 p.m. Barnyard Express
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway)
- 2-4 p.m. Kids Games by Alcona FFA
- 4 p.m. Pancake & Sausage Dinner FFA Alumni (Pavilion)
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Free bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 6 p.m. Youth Speed Show 6 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pull

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 (Seniors, 55 years & older - \$1 at Gate) (Free Kids Rides 2-4)

9 a.m. Rabbit Judging (Rabbit/Rodent Barn) 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Barns Open Throughout the day - God's Most Valuable Puppet Show Noon – 2 p.m. Meet Smokey Bear, USFS 1-7 p.m. Michigan Child ID Program 3 & 5 p.m. Barnyard Express 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway) 2-4 p.m. Free Kids Rides (17 yrs. & younger) 3 p.m. Sheep & Goat Judging (Joslin Arena) 4-8 p.m. Free Laser Tag (Motocross Track). Catch the shuttle near the ticket booth at the fairgrounds front entrance. 5 p.m. Fair Board Steak Fry (Pavilion) Tickets at Fair Office 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand) 6 p.m. Draft Horse Pull (Horse Arena)

8 a.m. Motocross Racing – Dirt Inc., Registration 8-10 a.m. Driver's Mtg. at 10 a.m., Racing starts at 11 a.m. 9 a.m. Alcona County Fair Mud Run Registration, run at 10 a.m. 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Barns Open 10:30 a.m. Open Hose Show (Horse Arena) 11 a.m. "Dress your Vegetable" Contest (Home Arts Bldg.) Noon Coloring Contest Submission Deadline (Home Arts) Noon Flapjack Eating Contest 2 p.m. Wee Showmanship for Small Tots-register day of show (Joslin Arena) 1 & 3 p.m. Barnyard Express 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway) 2 p.m. Youth Coloring Contest Winners Announced 4 p.m. Cake Walk Contest 4 p.m. Silent Auction Ends - Winners Announced (Home Arts Bldg.) 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand) 5:30 p.m. Cutest Baby Contest-Winner Announced 6 p.m. Open Horse Speed Show (Horse Arena) 7 p.m. Bump & Run 10 p.m. All Exhibits Released

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

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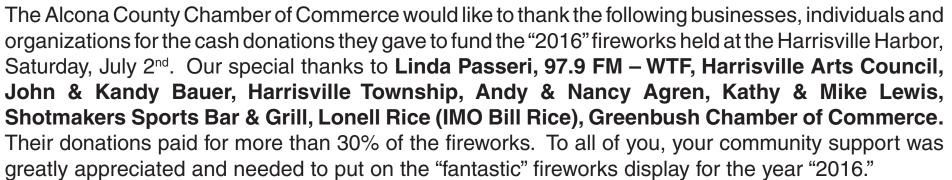


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they are bringing was the "Rebel" in the late 1980s as a nationally accredited premier monster truck. He said the reality is that ride trucks make more money than they ever did as a monster truck.

Kevin Boyat, ex-officio fair board member, said the change of vendors came about because the previous vendor didn't bring a monster truck or much to the pull and was quite expensive. The Alpena Cycle Club could bring the pull at a much lower cost and the fair board liked that the club was much more local.

Boyat said the fair board is looking into possibly having a monster truck show during next year's fair.

Wahoski explained years ago he used to participate in the truck and tractor pulls at the Alcona County fair, but stopped when the fair board switched to the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association, besome back road two lanes. Wahoski said Enduro road racing is a timed race but they have to obey all traffic laws and speed limits.

The Alpena Cycle Club property was purchased on Spruce Road which was then was developed into a motocross track.

Wahoski explained that the club started out, and still is, a family oriented club. It was started by well-respected business men who just happened to like motorcycles.

He explained the club's expansion into tractor pulling by saying, "once a gear head always a gear head" and if it burned gas and needed work, the group was interested in it. Some of the cycle club members were already tractor and truck pullers and their kids were interested in pulling too.

"In the late 1990s the motocross went away with the youngsters, and it was no



Monster truck rides will be available during fair week beginning at 2 p.m. daily. The rides are being brought to the fair by the Alpena Cycle Club who is the new vendor of this year's Tractor and Truck Pull. *Courtesy* photo.

cause he didn't like supporting big business outside the community.

The Alpena Cycle Club began in 1961. The group first began as Enduro road racers, which is a road rally for cars which travels on some pavement, some gravel, and



longer profitable to do that. There were a few guys left pulling garden (riding lawn mower) tractors. The driving force was Alan Standen who was interested in garden tractor pulling. The kids got interested too because they could do that for just about nothing.

"It is odd that the Alpena Cycle Club would be tractor pullers but it was a marriage of convenience, the motocross enthusiasts help out us tractor pullers and the tractor pullers help out the motocross, we also promote bump and runs at the club as a means of income. We've just really diversified,' Wahoski said. He explained, Standen

built and donated a pulling sled to the cycle club and the kids competed with just about any standard riding lawn mower. As time went on the boy toys became man toys. and the garden tractors got stronger, some having engines upwards of 600 horse power.

"We will be pulling everything from a seven-year-old on a garden tractor to some big farm stock tractor, weighing about seven tons, to some really wicked diesel pickups at the fair this year," Wahoski said.

He said the trucks and tractors will be coming from mostly northeastern Michigan and he has already talked to participants from five different counties about coming to the Alcona County Fair.

The Alpena Cycle Club will also bring a progressive weight sled, sign up people, track judges, sled operator, weight person and track boss to the fair.

According to Wahoski, the progressive weight sled design was developed in the 1930 or 1940s at a university in Minnesota and was used to test tractors and draft horse pulls. "Farmers were trying to decide if tractors were worth it and this was an accurate tool for measuring how both could pull," he said. The progressive weight sled gets heavier the further the truck or tractor pulls it.

Alcona Fair spectators will mostly see common farm tractors which are field ready at the pull. Pulls are classified by a combination of weight and horsepower. The classes are separated to make it fair for everyone so no one is pulling a big tractor against a small one or a diesel pickup against a gas pickup.

Wahoski said the rules are pretty simple: Stay between the lines, go and stop when directed.

Wahoski feels the relationship with the Alpena Cycle Club and the Alcona County Fair is a good strong relationship which will continue to grow for many years. "We appreciate the opportunity to come and pull in Lincoln at the Alcona County Fair. Along with the fair board and Alcona area interest we will adapt this tractor and truck pull to whatever the (community) wants," Wahoski said.

The tractor and truck pull will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact Keith Wahoski at (989) 464-0754.



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Balancing tourism and environmental protection

By Kelly

VanFrankhuyzen Capital News Service

It's too early to know if national and international attention on Flint's municipal water crisis may tarnish the Great Lakes region's image of pure water.

But there is a tie between the perceived quality of water and its value, according to experts.

"I hope that the tourist industry gives back funding for protection and remediation," said Joan Rose, Homer Nowlin Endowed Chairman of Water Research at Michigan State University. That's a worldwide approach "we have to do in the future," she said. For example, there should be a tie between tourism and Peru's challenges with sewage treatment and water reclamation at Machu Picchu. Some countries are planning or seeking partners to make such connections, she explained.

The \$33 million-a-year "Pure Michigan" promotion campaign features wellknown state landmarks and scenes. Water plays a critical role in that campaign. And it's critical to Michigan's top three industries: automotive. agriculture and tourism. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Pure Michigan brand campaign that promotes tourism, recreation, agriculture and economic development throughout the state.

The brand creates an emotional connection with consumers, whether they are Michigan residents or tourists from another country, said David Lorenz, Travel Michigan's vice president. In 2014, 113 million visitors came to Michigan, according to the National Travel and Tourism Office. Great Lakes neighbor Wisconsin had 105 million visitors that same year.

According to Lorenz, the Pure Michigan campaign played a vital role in creating more than 200,000 jobs in the Michigan tourism industry in total in 2014. The same year, more than 190,000 tourism-related jobs in total were reported in Wisconsin, according to the Oxford Economic Company Economic impact of Tourism report.

The Legislature approved the \$33 million funding as part of the annual state budget and Lorenz expected the budget will be about the same for 2017.

Communities contribute to the marketing. Travel Michigan works directly with 42 local partners, such as Alpena, Charlevoix, Grand Rapids, Michigan Wines and Detroit, matching about half of the marketing funds.

"Promotions for the campaign are a multi-media marketing plan," said Lorenz.

Pure Michigan appears on cable networks such as the Food Network and Travel Channel. Billboards, newspapers and magazines are also used. The campaign has a strong focus in the Midwest and is promoted through the Chicago market, which is the largest in the region, said Ken Yarsevich, an advertising specialist at Travel Michigan.

And many of those marketing and promotion plans have a connection to the Great Lakes and water. "When I think of water, I think of purity. That makes ensuring Michigan waters aren't polluted key to the success of the Pure Michigan campaign, water users across the Great Lakes and the economy in general," Rose said.

One commercial examines the "Potential of Water." Michigan native and actor Tim Allen narrates the piece, addressing Michigan's "clean lakes, clear streams and along more freshwater coastline than any other state in the country." Following scenic images of what the lakes offer, Allen continues, "Come realize water's true potential. Dive into the waters of Pure Michigan."

And there's a lot to dive into. Michigan has more than 3,288 miles of shoreline, 11,000 inland lakes and 36,000 miles of rivers, according to Michigan Sea Grant. The Great Lakes contain one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water and ninetenths of the U.S. supply, suggesting local issues can have global impacts. A Michigan State University study found more than 700,000 jobs in the state are connected to water, or one in five workers.

And there is potential for even more jobs, not necessarily related to tourism. "Water plays a critical component in our state and all aspects of it," said Geoff Horst, chief executive officer of Algal Scientific, a biotechnological company in Plymouth, Mich., that develops algaebased chemicals to improve animal feed and human nutrition.

Water creates a great opportunity for Michigan companies to solve critical water issues by being good stewards in the Great Lakes allowing Michigan to be a world leader. "Perhaps water and waste water could be the next industry that Michigan could be renowned for," Horst said.

Michigan should be the water capital of the world, according to Roy Cole, president and chief operating officer at Parjana, a Detroit, Mich. company that sells water filtration and drainage methods. Meanwhile, Flint water quality is improving, said Rose, who is on a Flint technical advisory committee that includes physicians and health officials. "The question everyone has (about Flint water) -- is it good enough?" since lead is still coming out of some faucets. The crisis prompted water to be tested for lead nationwide, particularly in places like schools.'

The reputational consequences of the Flint crisis may not be significant statewide. For example, Lorenz said, "Because of the strong connection and feeling people have for Pure Michigan, I don't think the Flint water issues will or have damaged the relationship with the brand or

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The Alcona Township Board will be accepting applications for Zoning Administrator. Please send a letter of interest by September 12, 2016 to Dawn LaLonde, Alcona Township Clerk, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721. For more information contact Supervisor Marlena MacNeill at (989) 727-3788.

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Volunteers make Michigan top woodcock banding state

To the uninitiated, Tim cently hatched woodcock Riley might appear to be confused.

He's wandering through a young aspen stand in the northern Lower Peninsula with his English setter, but it's spring, not fall.

He's wearing a hunting vest, but not carrying a shotgun. However, Riley knows exactly what he's doing. He's looking for American woodcock, but not to shoot them.

His vest carries the gear he'll need for his mission: A notebook, pair of pliers, a mesh bag and a string of small metal bands.

Riley is a woodcock bander, one of nearly 100 volunteers who explore the Michigan woodlots in spring, hoping to find broods of rechicks.

On this mid-May morning, Riley's day had been uneventful until the beeper collar on Rio - one of Riley's setters - started making noise.

It was a ways off, but when Rio didn't respond to Riley's return calls, the young Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife technician went looking for his dog.

He found him locked up on point. Thoroughly surveying the real estate in front of him, Riley spied what he was looking for - an adult woodcock, motionless, its belly pressed to the ground.

As Riley slowly approached, the bird got up and flew a few yards away. That's what he hoped to see.

In short order, Riley spotted a woodcock chick, then another. He picked them up, put them in the mesh bag, and retrained his eye on the young forest floor. He found a third chick. And then a fourth, which meant he'd found the whole brood.

Working quickly, Riley recorded the time and date. Then one by one, he used the pliers to clamp a small, numbered, metal band onto one leg of each bird. Then he let the chicks go.

For Riley, woodcock banding is just another outdoor

Tourism

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the belief that Pure Michigan is a beautiful place to visit or travel or live.'

But others say events like Flint can harm tourism. How long it lasts hasn't been studied. "I think it could impact tourism for a short time," Rose said.

According to Rose, model cities of the future can be built from lessons about a disaster like Flint's, and people will visit someday and say, "Look what they have accomplished."

"The first hundred years of Detroit was written by the automotive industry. The second hundred years ought to be all about water," Cole said.



Volunteer Tim Riley approaches as his dog points to a woodcock. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.



An adult American woodcock blends in well when it sits on the ground.

pastime he enjoys for fun when he isn't working. But his pastime yields information that'll be helpful to biologists when it comes to managing these migratory game birds.

"In my mind, it's all scientific data," said Riley, who was exposed to woodcock banding nearly a decade ago, but only started doing it on his own two seasons ago. He studied under a couple of different banders, "got my setter to where I thought he was good," and was certified as a Michigan woodcock bander.

"As a DNR worker it gives me a feel for what's going on in the woods," Riley said. "When the bands get returned, we get good information. And it doesn't cost the state a thing. Some guys put in 100 hours a year banding. Can you imagine what it would cost if we were paying state wages?"

Riley banded 10 woodcock chicks his first year, 12 the

next. He's hoping to improve on that this year.

'So I can start mentoring guys and get more guys in the woods," he said. "The more birds that get banded the better."

Michigan is the leader among states with woodcock research programs, said Al Stewart, the upland game bird specialist for the DNR.

"We band more through this program with our volunteers than anywhere else in the world," Stewart said. "We band upward of 2,000 annually.'

The DNR's woodcock banding program has been in effect since the 1960s when wildlife biologists banded chicks as part of the job.

"Now it's all volunteers," Stewart said. "We learned how to catch and band them as part of a scientific study on heavy metals in woodcock. In the late 1980s, we expanded the program."

Would-be woodcock band-

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ers must be trained by a mentor, show that they understand how to do it correctly, and prove their dogs are under sufficient control not to harm the birds, before they are certified to band on their own.

The DNR holds training sessions every other year with an emphasis on the health and welfare of the birds.

The program has shown through band recoveries that the bulk of birds hatched in Michigan - America's top woodcock production state winter in Louisiana and into East Texas.

Woodcock banding begins in mid-April and runs through about June 10.

"The peak hatching time is around the first of May," Stewart said. "They nest a little bit earlier in southern Michigan, a little later in northern Michigan, around May 15, and even later in the Upper Peninsula. In an early spring, birds will nest earlier. In a later spring, a little bit later."

Woodcock are born with a bill 14 millimeters long. These bills grow two millimeters a day, allowing banders to reliably age the birds they find.

"Woodcock lay four eggs, which mature in about 14 days," Stewart said. "The hens hatch the eggs and the chicks are ready to begin feeding quickly."

In another three weeks, they reach adult size. It takes about two weeks after they hatch for the birds to fly.

"When you come across a female with chicks, a lot of times she'll feign like she has a broken wing to lure you away from where the chick are located, kind of like a killdeer," Stewart said. "She'll return to her brood after the danger has moved off, and chicks stay with their mothers for some time after they can fly."

The chicks are very well camouflaged.

"They look like the ground cover and the leaves. It's kind of like trying to find Waldo in a puzzle," Stewart said. "The banders are trained to look thoroughly before they even move around. They do 'the woodcock shuffle;' they don't



even pick up their feet and put them down so you don't step on them."

Stewart said once you find one chick, you can usually find all of them. "Your mind and eye seem to focus in on them," Stewart said.

Data from woodcock banders is collected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in much the same way it collects data on banded ducks and geese. Band recoveries come largely from hunters, though occasionally people find woodcock that have died from other causes – such as flying into a building – often in urban areas.

"The information allows us to confirm and learn more about woodcock migration," Stewart said. "We have been able to identify two different flyways - one for the New England birds and another for Midwestern birds."

Stewart said that when the birds migrate, they show some fidelity to where they are born. "We have had birds that were taken by hunters the following years, sometimes in close proximity of where they were originally banded," Stewart said.

Riley, who is 33-years-old and takes vacation days to band woodcock, said he can't wait until he retires so he can spend more time banding woodcock. And though he's an avid bird hunter, Riley doesn't spend any time in the fall in the areas of Crawford or Roscommon counties where he bands woodcock along the edges of high-stem density woodlots in the spring.

"It's just one of those things," Riley said. "You kind of feel almost like you're a parent and they're your babies."



A freshly banded woodcock chick is shown. The bands around the birds' legs help researchers learn about their seasonal movements.



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Local and Personal

Geo. H. Everetts of Mikado has been quite ill with stomach trouble for some time and grave fears are felt as to his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Storms and two children of Detroit, a revisiting at the home of Postmaster D. E. Storms.

-x-Mrs. Chas. Harris and son Temple, of Tawas City, were guests several days at the home of Dan Dorr.

Thos. Clark returned Wednesday to Detroit, having been a visitor for several weeks at the home of his nephew, W. F. Carle.

Mr. Rusell and daughter, Miss Alice, and Miss Vera Mark. motored from Oscoda Sunday and were guests of Sheriff and Mrs. Hamilton.

— x -The electric storm Monday evening "raised hob" with the telephone switch board at Lincoln and Manager Waters

has put in a busy time repairing damages there and at other points on the lines.

Ernest Chapelle writes that he has his life certificate from the Kalamazoo State Norman and is moving to Climax, where he will be superintendent of the schools during the coming year.

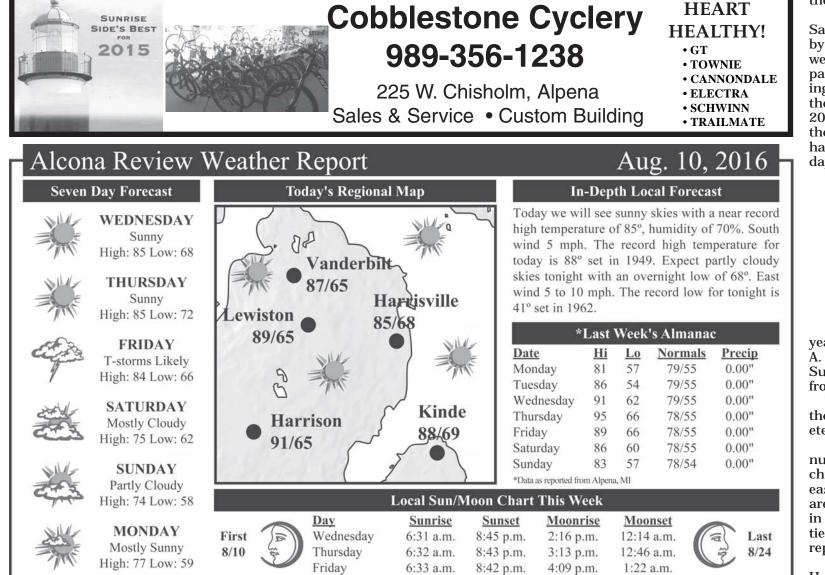
Mrs. R. C Sheets arrived Friday from Detroit to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Potts. Mr. Sheets is expected today, via auto.

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Cuyler takes over duties as Chicago **Cubs coach**

August 14, 1941 - Hazen (KiKi) Cuyler, for the past few years manager of the Chattanooga Lookouts, of the Southern Association, assumed his new post as Coach of the Chicago Cubs, Saturday, August 9. A former outfielder for the Cubs, Hazen, last week began his 21st. year in bigtime baseball.

Cuyler succeeds Jerome (Dizzy) Dean and Charlie Grimm, resigned.



Officers break up gang of petty thieves

August 10,1916 - Mark Sands and Lee Hoskins, the two Curtis township boys who were before Justice Southgate charged with petty larceny, were placed in the custody of the probate court and Judge Burt released them on probation.

Bert Hoskins and A.V. Sands, who were implicated by the testimony of the boys, were convicted and the former paid fine and costs amounting to \$28.05. Sands, who is the father of Mark, was given 20 days in jail and \$20 fine. If the fine is not paid Sands will have to spend another 10 days in jail.

Vicitim of Diphtheria Four Cases at

the Hurd Home in Mikado

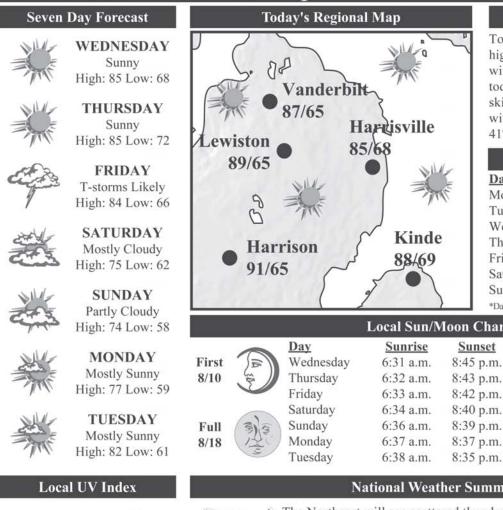
August 10,1916 - Neil, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hurd of Mikado, died Sunday night at 11 o'clock from diphtheria.

The remains were buried the same night in the cemetery at South Harrisville.

Miss Pearl Henderson, nurse, who was attending the child is down with the disease, and Mr. and Mrs. Hurd are also vicitms. Dr. Miller is in attendance and all the patients were doing well at last reports.

A strict quarantine of the Hurd home is in force and the officials hope to prevent the disease from spreading.

Harrisville youth receives foot injury



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 93° in Defiance, Ohio. The Southeast will see widespread thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in Greenville, Miss. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today, isolated thunderstorms Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in Douglas, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly

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clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 107° in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

Rise Set Mercury 8:55 a.m. 9:41 p.m. Venus 8:02 a.m. n/a 3:56 p.m. 12:40 a.m. Mars 9:38 a.m. 10:10 p.m. Jupiter Saturn 4:10 p.m. 1:28 a.m. 11:06 p.m.12:25 p.m. Uranus

Weather History

Aug. 10, 1980 - Hurricane Allen came ashore above Brownsville, Texas, dropping 15 inches of rain near San Antonio and up to 20 inches in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Tidal flooding occurred along the south Texas coast. Hurricane Allen packed winds to 150 mph.

Weather Trivia

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that dogs become mad. Answer: From July 3rd to Aug. 11th, superstition has it

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - High Time for Looking Up

🛟 • The sky this week remains virtually moonless, and this gives us another excellent opportunity to view some of the fainter star patterns. The focus is overhead. Facing · east, the brightest star of the Great Summer Triangle (GST), Vega (see StarWatch for July 10) will be nearing the zenith. Below and to the right of Vega is a small + parallelogram of stars that represents the strings of the harp. Just below Vega, and slightly left, is a faint star called Epsilon Lyrae. If you look at it with binoculars, the star will be easily split into two luminaries. A good telescope at about 100 power will split each star into two additional components. It is rightfully named the double-double. To Vega's left and below is the faintest celebrity of the three, Deneb, which in Arabic means "tail," the tail of Cygnus the Swan. Do not look for a swan from suburban skies, but imagine a cross lying on its side. The staff of the Northern Cross points along the backbone of the Milky Way, so even if the gossamer star fields of our galaxy are invisible because of light pollution, our galaxy is mentally traceable from its rising position in the NNE to where it meets the horizon in the south. Scanning the Cygnus region with binoculars will reveal how the density of stars increases along the Milky Way's path, allowing its heavenly arc to be traceable from suburbia on most summer evenings. Facing north about two fists held at arm's length, to the left of Vega will be Hercules the Strongman (west of the zenith). The four faint stars that outline his torso are the most distinctive and are called the Keystone. Just like the GST, the Keystone is not sanctioned by astronomers as an official constellation, but the pattern is famous enough to have a name. Scan the left side of the Keystone with binoculars, looking for a small condensed fuzzy patch of light. When you find it, you'll be looking at a globular cluster named M13, an aggregate of over 300,000 old stars, 25,100 light years distant. The photons entering your eyes tonight left M13 when we as a species were first painting animals on cave walls. www.astronomy.org

August 14, 1941 - Robert Johnson, youngest son off Mr. and Mrs. Milo N. Johnson, received a severe injury in a freak accident Friday morning while with his father in Curtisville.

While standing against a tree watching the working of a buldozer at an apparently safe distance away a heavy log was suddenly thrown, pinning his foot against the butt of the tree. He was taken to Whittemore and from there to the hospital at West Branch, where an X-ray showed that one bone was broken and the ankle and heel bones were chipped. He was brought to his home here Tuesday.

Bob, who is working as an apprentice at The Review office, had taken a week's leave to help in his father's work.



Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: What was Charybdis in ancient literature?

2. TELEVISION: Who was the original host of the game show "Let's Make a Deal"?

3. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Dakota?

4. HISTORY: When was the Securities and Exchange Commission established to regulate sales of stocks and bonds?

5. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. city's seal includes a phoenix, which symbolizes its rise from destruction in the Civil War?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where are the British Crown Jewels displayed?

7. FOOD & DRINK: What is tequila made from?

8. MOVIES: Who earned a second supporting actor Oscar for his performance in "The Cider House Rules"?

9. ANATOMY: What kind of tissue connects bones and joints?

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10. LITERATURE: What was the pseudonym of author Hector Hugh Munro?

Answers: 1. A whirlpool sometimes described as a sea monster; 2. Monty Hall; 3. Pierre; 4. 1934, after the 1929 stock market crash; 5. Atlanta; 6. The Tower of London; 7. Blue agave; 8. Michael Caine; 9. Ligament; 10. Saki (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc

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Moments In Time By The History Channel

• On Aug. 24, 79 A.D., Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the prosperous Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, and entombing thousands under a thick layer of volcanic material and mud. In the 18th century, the cities were rediscovered and excavated.

 On Aug. 22, 1864, the International Red Cross is founded in Geneva after being advocated by Swiss humanitarian Jean-Henri Dunant. The international emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the Swiss flag in reverse.

• On Aug. 25, 1875, Matthew Webb, a 27-year-old merchant navy captain, becomes the first known person to successfully swim the English Channel. Webb accomplished the 21-mile crossing, which really entailed 39 miles of swimming because of tidal currents, in just under 22 hours.

• On Aug. 27, 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau, a small volcanic island in Indonesia. Heard 3,000 miles away, the explosions threw 5 cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air, created 120-foot tsunamis and killed 36,000 people.

• On Aug. 23, 1926, the death of silent-screen idol Rudolph Valentino at age 31 sends his fans into a hysterical state of mass mourning. Some 100,000 mourners lined the streets outside the New York City church where funeral services were held.

• On Aug. 26, 1957, the Soviet Union announces that it has successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) capable of being fired "into any part of the world." Following his election in 1960, President John F. Kennedy made missile development and the space program priorities.

 On Aug. 28, 1968, at the Democratic National Convention, tens of thousands of protesters against the Vietnam War battle thousands of police in the streets of Chicago. Fights also broke out on the convention floor, and delegates and reporters were beaten and knocked to the ground. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

• t was English Victorian author Samuel Butler who made the following sage observation: "Words are like money; there is nothing so useless, unless when in actual use."

• Martha Jane Canary -- better known as Calamity Jane -- was a noted frontierswoman in the late 19th century. She defied expectations of women by refusing to wear dresses, becoming a scout and fighting against Indians in the West. As one contemporary commenter observed, "She swore, she drank, she wore men's clothing. She was 50 years ahead of her time.'

 Those who study such things say that two-thirds of a shark's brain is dedicated to detecting and sorting out odors.

• In his 1510 book "The Adventures of Esplandian," Spanish author Garci Rodriguez de Montalvo wrote of an island peopled entirely by Amazon-like women, and he called it California. When Spaniard Francisco de Ulloa was exploring the west coast of North America, his initial surveys of the Baja Peninsula led him to believe the land was an island, so the region was given the name of the mythical place: California.

• In Mongolia, it's common to put salt in one's tea before drinking it.

• If you're a fan of nature documentaries, you've doubtless seen footage of Africa's Serengeti, site of the world's largest terrestrial mammal migration. If you've see images of the place, you won't be surprised to learn that in Maasai, the word "Serengeti" means "the place where the land runs on forever.'

· You've probably heard of John Steinbeck's celebrated novel "Of Mice and Men," but you probably didn't know that

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it was almost titled "Sometning That Happened.

Thought for the Day: "Do you wish the world were happy? Then remember day by day, / Just to scatter seeds of kindness / As you pass along the way." -- Ella Wheeler Wilcox (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.



This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error

Clue: Y equals T

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Alcona County circuit court case No. 16-2570-CH notice of judicial sale in pursuance and by virtue of judgment(s) and/or order(s) of foreclosure in the circuit court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, made and entered on the 21st day of June. 2016. in a certain cause therein pending,

Notice Of Mortgage **Foreclosure Sale**

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus

interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lester E. Fettes, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 15, 2012, and recorded on March 7, 2012 in Liber 485 on page 1,275 in instrument 20120000642, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/ a Champion Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-four thousand six and 67/ 100 dollars (\$84,006.67).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the wherein CIT Bank, N.A. was the plaintiff and Helene E. Booker was the defendant.

aforementioned The judgment(s) and/or order(s) established a debt owing to plaintiff in the amount of \$95,374.96, plus post-judgment interest at an annual rate of 2.08 percent and other amounts recoverable pursuant to said Judgment(s) and/or Order(s).

Notice is hereby given that in order to satisfy said judgment(s) and/or order(s), in whole or in part, the property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/ deputy sheriff or county clerk/ deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the circuit court for the county of Alcona, on the 7th of September, 2016 at 10 a.m. local time. On said day at said time, the

place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m.

on September 7, 2016. Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, Section 19, Township 28 North, Range 9 East. And part of the northwest 1/4 of southwest 1/4 Section 19, Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Described as commencing at the west 1/4 corner; thence south 328.88 feet along the west section line to the point of beginning of the parcel of land being described; thence south 55.93 feet; thence north 89 degrees east, 1,315.34 feet to the 1/8 line; thence north 55.93 feet to the north line of the south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the northwest 1/ 4 of the southwest 1/4; thence south 89 degrees west, along said line, to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage following described property shall be sold: Property located in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, particularly described as Lots 11 and 12, a subdivision of the south part of Lots 201 and 147 of Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 1, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 143 of Alcona County records. Tax Parcel ID: 041-143-000-011-00. More commonly known as: 3775 E Cedar Lake Drive.

Redemption period is six months. For more information, call (248) 642-2515.

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7-20, 7-27, 8-3, 8-10, 8-17, 8-24 holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: August 10, 2016 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott Law, P.C.

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SALES

Garage sale August 12, 13, 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1135 West Procunier Road off Hubbard Lake and Bean Hill Road. Amazing clothing, Ford RV tailgate, some antiques and a lot of miscellaneous. Durable medical equipment, small sand blaster, Stihl cultivator, maple butcher blocks 2x5 feet, baby miscellaneous.



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The Auction will be held at the Ramada Grayling Hotel, 2650 I-75 BUS, Grayling, MI 49738. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., Auction will begin at 12 p.m.

Online bidding will be available via www.tax-sale.info. For more information or for a list of the properties being sold, visit our website at www.tax-sale.info or call 1-800-259-7470.

Sale listings are also available at your local County Treasurer's Office

Foreclosure Notice (All Counties)

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Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Rayford K. Patterson, a married man, and Marivic V. Patterson, his wife, of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for Independent Bank dated the 27th day of August, 2012, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 6th day of September, 2012, in Liber 490, page 1,263 of Alcona

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records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$108,296.58 (one hundred eight thousand two hundred ninety-six and 58/100) plus accrued interest at 3.75 percent (three point seven five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 24th day of August, 2016, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public

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auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Harrisville, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the county of Alcona, township of Harrisville, state of Michigan, is described as follows: Lots 8 and 9 of Birchwood Hills Subdivision. according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, pages 5-6, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 1798 South Ellen Drive, Tax Parcel No.: 061-115-000-008-00. as to Lot 8 and Tax Parcel No.: 061-115-000-009-00, as to Lot 9.

If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale. unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a. Dated: July 27, 2016 By Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff

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> Alcona County Circuit Court Case No. 15-2500-CH

Notice of judicial sale Judicial sale in pursuance and by virtue of judgment(s) and/or order(s) of foreclosure in the circuit court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, made and entered on the 31st day of May, 2016 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for the certificate holders of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., asset-backed pass-through certificates series 2007-AMC1 was the plaintiff and Douglas Williams was the defendant. The aforementioned judgment(s) and/ or order(s) established a debt owing to plaintiff in the amount of \$80,537.15, plus post-judgment interest at an annual rate of 6.400 percent and other amounts recoverable pursuant to said

judgment(s) and/or Order(s). Notice is hereby given that in order to satisfy said judgment(s) and/or order(s), in whole or in part, the property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/ deputy sheriff or county clerk/ deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the circuit court for the county of Alcona, on the 17th of August, 2016 at 10 a.m. local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: Property located in the Village of Lincoln, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, particularly described as Lot 43 of Brownlee Lake Park, according to the plat thereof as found in Liber 1 of plats, page 57, Alcona County records. Tax Parcel ID: 073-100-000-043-00. More commonly known as: 327 E. Main Street.

Redemption period is six months. For more information, call (248) 642-2515. Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys for Specialized Loan Servicing 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 T No. 452643L02

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, P. Somers, and Stutzman. Absent were council members Amanda Zielinski and Richard Somers. The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy.

Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder reports. There were 11 medical runs and four fires. A prospective new fire fighter was introduced. Brian Renchenski has moved to the area and expressed an interest in joining the group. He has an extensive background in emergency responses. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from P. Somers. to allow Brian to join the fire department. Carried. There will be a training exercise on August 3 at Lincoln Haven with members from our department and Mikado Fire Department. A bid was received for a new door on the fire department main entrance. With the replacement of all the large garage doors and the new roof this will finish the upgrades that are needed. Raleigh Potts addressed the council about getting some new docks and a slide for the beach area. She said there is a group of people who are committed to helping raise funds. Canisters could be placed in area businesses and several other events could be done to raise the needed funds. President Jordan stated that funds are available through grants for such things as this. A matching grant is available for a 50 percent match for any funds that can be raised. President Jordan will give the grant information to Raleigh.

Ryan Colorite addressed council members about his desire to work with the village maintenance man. He stated that he is trying to get his life back on track and desires to give back to the community. President Jordan stated that he could pick up hours doing work with Steve including snow plowing/removal and any other jobs that may arise. Council members offered their support to Ryan. In old business, Stutzman spoke about the swan decoys he had referenced at the last meeting. President Jordan stated that he didn't think they work well enough to make a difference, but asked John to hold on to the information for later use if necessary. No new business was discussed.

The street report was given. Some patching will be done at Second and Traverse Bay and along the beach area as well. President Jordan and Holly have been working on getting the information on the computer for our road funding. It has been mandated that from here forth all the reports will have to be done via computer. The sewer report was also given. President Jordan stated that the hours being put in to do both reports are definitely worth having someone paid for doing them as in the past. A motion was made by Gauthier to amend the local and major street budgets and the sewer budget to allow for the payment to the administrator of a salary of \$100 per month. P. Somers offered support. Motion carried.

President Jordan gave his report. He has agreed to run for the position again since no one else has stepped forward. Additionally, Marsha Mahalak and Bill Putsky have agreed to run for the open seats on the village council. John Stutzman and Dick Somers will not be running for reelection. It is believed that there may be a bear in the Barlow Road Park. President Jordan stated that residents should be vigilant while in the area. The new sidewalk has been finished along Hawley Street. It is ADA compliant and five feet wide as opposed to the older sidewalks. The new roof has been put on the maintenance garage as well.

We are still having issues with the water going to the restrooms at the ball diamonds and the Flights of Imagination. President Jordan stated that he is going to have it dug up and put in shut offs to eliminate the leak problem. The loader will be repaired soon. Clean ups have been made of several areas including the area across from Alcona Motors. Huron Engineering is working on our study for the Barlow Road Project. Funds have already become available through the Region 9 Task Force for some road projects although we aren't quite ready to commit to anything yet.

Eileen Oposnow has resigned as our web administrator and we will need to find someone to replace her. Thanks goes to Eileen for the many years she has been our administrator. A motion to pay the bills was made by Gauthier with support from Healy. Motion to adjourn by Healy with support from Stutzman. Carried.

> Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

Flint through different lenses

By David Poulson *Capital News Service*

I got to know Scott Atkinson in a Land Rover rattling through the Australian Out-back.

That was in 2004 when he was a student in my study abroad class. I figured him for Hemingway-like aspirations. Within days of our arrival, he bought a kangaroohide hat that rocked an Indiana Jones vibe.

He wrote about our Aboriginal guide, a man who sought his ancient roots – connections that had been severed by a government policy that produced what is now called Australia's Stolen Generation.

"He may not yet be Hemingway, but the kid knows a good story," I thought.

Still does.

A dozen years later, Atkinson, a former Flint Journal reporter who now teaches writing at the University of Michigan-Flint, has compiled an anthology of stories about America's industrial Outback.

"Happy Anyway: A Flint Anthology" (Belt Publishing,

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On a really gusty day, I

\$19.99) contains some of the first non-news stories published about Flint since that city gained international attention for the lead in its water. But these are stories that refuse to treat that crisis as the city's defining moment. They barely mention it.

Like the story of most places, the story of Flint is deeply nuanced. The water disaster is just another challenge to overcome for people who remain defiantly happy. Anyway.

That said, this is a book tinged with a deep poignancy. In "2302 Welch," Will Cronin describes how shortly after he was born his father was said to have given him a tour of their house, inside and out. "This is where you live," the man whispered to his infant son. "This is your house."

The anecdote launches a powerful narrative that would resonate in the neighborhoods of any industrial city in America, the kind with homes once built to "house the floodtide of the postwar American middle class" but now decaying with crime, poverty, ignorance.

"I have not seen our house since the day I drove the U-Haul away, but I've heard through the grapevine that its siding was stripped almost on the day we left," Cronin writes. "Given the various rounds of demolitions the city has had in the intervening years, it may not even be there today. I expect I'll learn of its fate one day, but I'm in no hurry."

It's a deep yearning for home, roots, connection – not unlike that expressed by that Aboriginal guide who had interpreted for us the petroglyphs of his ancestors.

And that's why these stories are larger than Flint.

In "The Spirit of Sam Jones," Bob Campbell tells of an uncle who turned a racial slur into a ticket to the middle class and became the kind of worker with as much of an impact on America as the Flint auto barons lionized with statues.

"For me, the usable past contains far more than those individuals immortalized downtown," Campbell writes. "It also embraces Uncle Melton, whose fighting and enduring spirit helped build the city and drives it still."

It is impossible to write about Flint without describing the passion of a community nicknamed Basketball City U.S.A. Patrick Hayes gives us several tales from Flint's hardcourts, and not just of the fabled Flintstones who before the turn of the century laid the foundation for Michigan State University's rise to national sports prominence.

There is the story of a high school and lower level college player from Flint, a solid player whose ball-handling skills were exceeded by his talent at self-promotion. He maintained an impressive social media presence and pestered sportswriters for coverage with fake e-mails signed by nonexistent fans, Hayes tells us. He filled out paperwork for the NBA draft when he hadn't played a college game in two years.

This isn't a yarn about the limited opportunities for the immensely talented few. Hayes refuses to fault the self-generated hype but instead draws lessons from it: "But rather than get upset about it, it produced in me an eye-opening epiphany about the symbiotically exploitative relationship between athletes and the media."

And yes, you also can't write honestly about Flint without writing about crime.

"Flint's death toll was actually its lowest total since 2009, but all it takes is to lose one person and the statistics go out of the window," Eric Woodyard writes in "Fresh to Death," a story about the shooting death of his good friend.

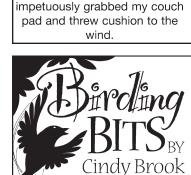
It was a death that produced deep conflict: "It's a weird line that I have to walk – between downtown corporate Flint and where I was raised, between night and day, between the two different identities I've formed."

Some of this is grim stuff. And you have to wonder about the title of this anthology. Atkinson in his forward says that "Happy Anyway: A Flint Anthology" reflects that these "are stories of triumph not because anything has been won, but because they are stories of Flint's continued fight." So look hard. You'll find Nic Custer's story of a farming project that failed and yet pioneered the urban frontier. You'll find Stacie Scherman's portrait of her father - a man tough enough to run down and capture youthful vandals breaking the windows of his warehouse and sensitive enough to know that demanding restitution would just strain their already difficult home life. You'll find locked doors and open hearts: "For as many locks as there are in that town, and for as much as we all relied on them, people in Flint can be incredibly unguarded," Stephanie Carpenter writes in "Flintlock."

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting August 3 was called to order by supervisor Hubbard, with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Hubbard, Timm, Swinson and Scott. Absent: Thornton. Also in attendance Nancy Beck zoning administrator and seven citizens. Motions to approve agenda, minutes of July 13, to pay the bills, and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Correspondence: On the road regional meeting in Alpena, October 18. Township. This group discussed agenda, minutes/record keeping, the master plan survey and other on-going issues. Zoning administrator handled eight building *Do You Have News We Can Use?* Calendar of Events

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Planning commission regular meeting is next week along with the public hearing for a cell tower Monday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. Tri-township met July 28 at Caledonia

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permits, two land divisions, and checked on trees at 6623 Caledonia Street.

Citizen comments: David Waddell with continued concerns on easement on Caledonia Street. Daryl Lang would like to see a dock for boaters to pull up to at Northend Park, Unfinished business: Motion to send four planning commission members to seminar in Grayling, August 17. Motion to have 12 large boulders placed at Northend Park to separate parking lot from grassy area. Supervisor is checking into dead tree at ball park. New business: Joy Bullis will take care of cleaning park after Triathlon, August 6. Jack has contacted some companies to check on hall roof problems. Motion to remove two more dead trees, one ash and one elm from Northend Park for \$400. Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is September 14. Planning commission meets September 5.

Helen Timm, Clerk

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